

supported this, but I will bring it back next year as a bill and I will not hold up another bill. I'll pull the amendment if I can do that on your time, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, sure.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I would move to advance LB 805 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 805? Seeing none, the question before you is the advancement of LB 805. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. LB 805 advances. LB 739.

CLERK: LB 739, no E & R, Senator. Senator Witek would move to amend the bill. (Witek amendment, AM1851, appears on page 1866 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I have had some concerns with 739, and I had talked with Senator McKenzie about them and put together an amendment to alleviate my concerns. And I have not talked to her this morning but I understand my staff has talked to her staff, and if Senator McKenzie would like to comment on that, that she is all right with this amendment. My concerns were the language of the bill had stated, "best interests of the child". And I wanted this to be definitely one of the considerations because I understand the policy change that we're being asked to make with 739, to go from just a reunification of the families that is not quite working because it's taken some time to an extreme in putting children in dangerous situations. But I also wanted to balance that at a time when we're being asked to make a policy change to